

CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 22/04/2021
TO: Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81
SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – April 2021

This report is to provide the Management Committee with an update of Centre81, including events, funding, current and potential projects.

We are delighted that we will be re-opening Centre81 and Gym81 on Monday 26th April. We are all looking forward to welcoming back our tenants and service users and groups.

1 Projects

Appendix 1 provides a detailed breakdown of ongoing and proposed projects.

2 Community Pot

At the moment, we have c. £4.7k in our Community Pot, which can be used to fund community activities throughout the year. Once lockdown restrictions begin to ease, we can start planning activities. As restrictions ease further, we will be having meetings/discussions with all our partners.

3 Centre81 Steering Group

Projects

The Steering Group delivered weekly Arts and Crafts packs, utilising funding from the successful CHA Communities Recovery Fund application. The online classes started on Monday 8th February and ran for 12 weeks. One hundred packs were distributed every week.

The Steering Group are holding Virtual Youth Clubs operating via Zoom Mon-Thur from 3pm till 4:30pm. There is a steady attendance with participants mainly playing games and chatting amongst friends. As restrictions ease the Steering Group will return with outdoor activities and classes inside

Community Mapping has been commissioned from the Town Partnership. This is building on the mapping that [REDACTED] completed as part of the CHA Aspiring Communities Fund project in 2018. The Town Partnership and Steering Group recognise that connecting people with community services is more important than ever as we come out of lockdown. When completed, this will be published in the local press and housing association newsletters.



4 Gym81

A full service has been carried out on all our Gym equipment as well as a deep clean of the gym. We will be re-opening the gym on 26 April 2021 in line with updated Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines. A booking system has been implemented for all gym users, as well as a robust cleaning schedule.

Projects & Funding

Fund	Project	Update
Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)	<p>Growing Change for Good Growing Change for Good, will focus on continuing with past CCF funded projects, such as the developing residents gardening and growing skills, encouraging/supporting home growers, delivering low carbon cooking sessions integrated with Carbon Literacy information and supporting and encouraging residents to use bikes rather than cars or public transport. The project also aims to support the set-up of a constituted Environmental Group to help with the long-term sustainability of the project.</p>	<p>All classes and activities normally held at the Centre are on hold due to Covid19, however, we will be scheduling new classes to be delivered from the Centre from 26 April.</p> <p>Our yearly report was submitted to Climate Challenge fund on 16th April.</p>
Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	<p>Empowering Clydebank This project will aim to deliver the following: Digital awareness, College classes, CSCS courses, Language Café, Health and Safety/ Food Hygiene, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses, Family group parenting classes and early learning, Youth club, Older residents' lunch club, Keep Fit classes, Sport, recreation and arts activities for autistic young people, ISARO ethnic minority support and integration activities.</p>	<p>We are in the process of contacting all our partners and we will be scheduling new classes to be delivered from the Centre from 26 April.</p> <p>Our monitoring report for the period was submitted to the Scottish Government on 31st March 2021.</p>
Sustrans	<p>Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path</p>	<p>Work on the canal path is pretty much complete, with just the new lighting boxes to be connected to a power source.</p>
Communities Recovery Fund (SCVO)	<p>Communities Recovery Fund</p>	<p>We have been successful in securing £40,805 from the Communities Recovery Fund. The project aims to help those most affected by the pandemic and includes a Tablet Lending Library, provision of fuel and food vouchers, Centre81 lunch club (once centre re-opens), food packages for local BAME families, support sessions for Strathclyde Autistic Society service users</p>

		and the provision of Children's Activity Arts & Crafts packs.
Scottish Government (administered by Cycling UK)	Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme (additional lockdown project carried out by C81 staff)	We have been awarded a further £3,000 from The Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme to help local residents with the cost of repairing their bikes e.g. fixing flat tyres, loose brakes and clunky gears. The coronavirus crisis hit many people hard and this fund has helped people meet the costs of essential bike repairs (£50 per bike). We are unable to deliver this at the moment due to lockdown, however will be back on track once restrictions ease on 26 April.

Canal Path near completion

